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<p>As a below named inventor, I hereby declare: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;</p> <p>I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled</p> <p><b>METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A WHEEL DRIVE SYSTEM OF A HYBRID VEHICLE</b></p> <p>the specification of which is attached hereto.</p> <p>I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claims.</p> <p>I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a), Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and as to application for patents or inventor's certificate on the invention filed in any country foreign to the United States of America, prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns,</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> no such applications have been filed, or  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> such applications have been filed as follows:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below         </p>																		
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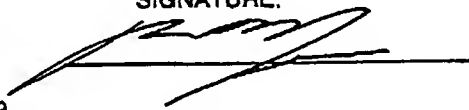
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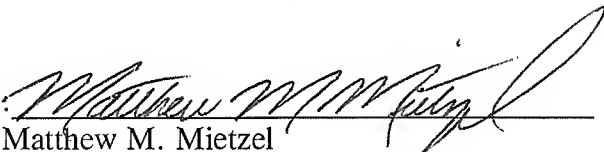
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